

EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC)

ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE PRODUCT

Eligible

1. Fresh/frozen meat and poultry and meat and poultry products

Note: Exporters are advised that importers must have a valid import license to allow entry of meat and poultry and meat and poultry products. Exporters should work closely with their importer to assure that the proper licenses have been obtained.

2. Poultry Feet - Poultry feet may be exported to People's Republic of China (PRC) under the following conditions:

- a. Direct exports to PRC should have "People's Republic of China (PRC)" as the country of destination.

- (1) Edible poultry feet must have been handled as edible product and bear the marks of inspection.

- (2) Undenatured inedible poultry feet

Note: The exporter assumes responsibility if this product is refused entry at the port of destination.

- b. Re-exports from Hong Kong to PRC should have "People's Republic of China via Hong Kong" as the country of destination. These feet may be handled either as edible product (bears the marks of inspection) or as an inedible product produced according to the Hong Kong standards.

Ineligible

1. Lamb casings.

PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

Poultry Feet Produced According to the Hong Kong Standards.

1. Feet must be removed after dressed poultry receives final wash, either before entering the evisceration room or immediately after transfer from picking to the eviscerating conveyor line.
2. Feet must be handled sanitarily, packed in clean containers, and frozen promptly. Plant management shall cooperate in proper handling of this product and instruct plant employees to reject any feet obviously unfit for food.
3. Feet must be scaled and toenails must be removed.
4. Plants in which feet are removed in the picking room must ensure that contamination is prevented during the collection of feet.
5. The hock/joint area must be observed for swelling and abnormalities that might affect product wholesomeness or product packaging operations.
6. Feet shall be prepared and packed in shipping cartons in a separate room under sanitary conditions and refrigerated until frozen.

LABELING REQUIREMENTS

1. Poultry Feet Produced According to the Hong Kong Standards:
 - a. The product must be accurately labeled i.e. *"chicken feet", "turkey feet", "duck feet" "FOR EXPORT TO HONG KONG. "*
 - b. The product must show the establishment number, name and address of establishment or distributor, and *"Product of USA"* printed on the shipping container. Use of the official inspection legend is prohibited.
2. Undenatured Inedible Poultry Feet Exported Directly to PRC: This product must be labeled *"For Export to the People's Republic of China--Not for Human Consumption."*

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Fresh/frozen meat and poultry and meat and poultry products. Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and FSIS Form 9295-1, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness for Export to the People's Republic of China.
2. Edible Poultry Feet - Obtain FSIS 9060-5 - Meat and Poultry Certificate of Wholesomeness, and FSIS Form 9295-1, Meat and Poultry Certificate of Wholesomeness for Export to the People's Republic of China. "People's Republic of China" should be identified as the country of destination.*

3. Inedible Poultry Feet Produced to Hong Kong Standards.

- a. Poultry feet produced in the manner outlined under Processing Requirements - "Poultry Feet Produced to Hong Kong Standards" (above) have special certification requirements, since feet collected at this point are not considered as edible product in the United States, but are considered edible when prepared for export to Hong Kong.
- b. Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5.

(1) The check-off box statement found on FSIS form 9060-5

"I certify that the poultry and poultry products specified above come from birds that were officially given an ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection and passed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture and are wholesome and fit for human consumption."

is not applicable to inedible poultry feet and should NOT be checked off.

(2) When the processing requirements are met, an export certificate must be issued with the following statement typed in the "Remarks" section:

"This certifies that the poultry feet specified above have been processed in compliance with the Regulations governing the inspection of poultry and poultry products (9 CFR 381) as promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture, and are sound and unadulterated so far as can be determined by external examination and are acceptable for human consumption according to Hong

Kong standards."

(3) The certificate should be made at the plant of origin. For certification to be allowed in the plants/cold storage facilities other than the plant of origin, a control procedure must be in place that will assure the veterinarian signing the certificate that the product was produced according to Hong Kong requirements. Contact FSIS Technical Service Center at (402) 221-7400 for additional information regarding this policy.

3. Undenatured Inedible Poultry Feet - Obtain FSIS form 9060-9--Inedible Products Export Certificate.

4. Poultry exported to the Peoples Republic of China for further processing and subsequently exported to Japan - Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and FSIS Form 9295-1, Meat and Poultry Certificate of Wholesomeness for Export to the People's Republic of China. Upon the request of the exporter, the following information must be provided either in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5 and FSIS Form 9295-1 or on an FSIS letterhead certificate (which is signed by the same FSIS veterinarian signing the export certificate), providing that the poultry complies: *

"There have been no outbreaks of fowl pest (fowl plague) for at least 90 days in the United States. Further, in the area where birds for export (meat) were produced (such an area being within a minimum radius of 50 kilometers from the production farm), Newcastle disease, fowl cholera, and other serious infectious fowl diseases, as recognized by the United States, have not occurred for at least 90 days."

This statement is a requirement of the Japanese health officials for poultry produced in the U.S.

5. All FSIS export certificates and additional certification statements must be dated and have the signature and title of an FSIS veterinarian.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

PRC requires heat treatment of all packing material made of conifer materials as a preventive measure against pinewood parasites. This includes wood pallets. USDA, APHIS has established a certification procedure. More information is available at the following web site:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/ppq553.pdf>

PLANTS ELIGIBLE TO EXPORT

All Federally inspected establishments are eligible for export to the Peoples Republic of China.

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